

Laura Hart,
 Plaintiff,
 v.
 Andrew M. Saul, Commissioner of Social
 Security Administration,
 Defendant.

Civil Action No.: 5:18-cv-00338-JMC
ORDER

In accordance with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 589 (2010), EAJA fees awarded by this court belong to the litigant, thus subjecting EAJA fees to be offset under the Treasury Offset Program, 31 U.S.C. § 3716(c)(3)(B). Therefore, the court directs that fees be payable to Plaintiff and delivered to Plaintiff's counsel. *Ratliff*, 560 U.S. at 589. The amount of attorney's fees payable to Plaintiff will be the balance of stipulated attorney's fees remaining after subtracting the amount

of Plaintiff's outstanding federal debt. 31 U.S.C. § 3716. If Plaintiff's outstanding federal debt exceeds the amount of attorney's fees under the stipulation, the stipulated amount will be used to offset Plaintiff's federal debt and no attorney's fees shall be paid. *See* 31 U.S.C. § 3716. (*See also* ECF No. 35 at 1–2.)

After a thorough review of Plaintiff's Motion (ECF No. 34) and the Commissioner's Response (ECF No. 35), the court **GRANTS** Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees (ECF No. 34) and awards \$4,286.79 in attorney's fees and \$20.04 in costs.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Michelle Childs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

United States District Judge

July 29, 2019
Columbia, South Carolina